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BENJAMIN FRANKLIN'S BIRTHDAY

Today is the 112th anniversary of the birthday of one of our greatest statesmen, Benjamin Franklin.

His name is prominent in the world of philosophy and invention but Franklin was also an apostle of thrift and foresight. For this reason the United States Treasury has paid him the well deserved honor of placing his likeness upon the 1919 issue of War Savings Stamps.

The Government of the United States has set aside today then as a day of tribute to this great American. There are days in which we commemorate great presidents like Washington and Lincoln, and days in which we remember famous poets, valiant warriors or great discoverers, but January 17 is a day in which to show our appreciation of a great business man, whose keenness of foresight and careful planning has brought money to the country and help to many who were in need of it.

For that reason let us remember when we buy War Savings Stamps, this apostle of thrift, who learned the lesson of thriftiness early in life; and used it to benefit others.

Missouri was just a little too slow for the honor of being one of the thirty-six states whose ratification was necessary for the adoption of the federal prohibition amendment; but she will not be too slow to get a good seat on the water wagon as it passes by on its trip from coast to coast a year from now.

IT'S NOT SO EASY

Some people have a faint idea as to the problems to be dealt with at the Peace Conference. Some think that a unanimous and world-satisfying conclusion should be reached in a few weeks.

When we stop to consider that problems pertaining to the safety of the whole world in the future are to be settled, surely we cannot expect these leaders to solve them so easily.

A good example of the complications in much smaller issues is that of the Supreme Court in a recent case in which the chief justice and four associate justices subscribed to the majority opinion. Two justices joined in another opinion and another justice submitted a dissenting opinion by himself. Still another abstained from any opinion at all because he felt himself not wholly disinterested.

And yet there will probably be criticism of the peace delegates if definite conclusions are not reached within a comparatively short time.

February 1 is drawing near and Columbia has yet to fill her quota of French war orphans. The people have been asked to adopt sixty of these fatherless children before February 1. Act quickly—adopt an orphan today.

COUNTY AGENTS

County agents are in demand. Four Missouri counties have lately contracted with the College of Agriculture for the supplying of such men. Already there are forty-three county agents in Missouri. This number would seem to prove that the arrangement, which has started just within the last five or six years, is highly advantageous to farmers.

These agents are in close touch with the farmers. They help with planning crop rotation, building up dairy herds, improving soil fertility, and breeding high grade live stock, and give the farmers the most up-to-date facts about scientific farming in general.

Every Missouri county should be able to boast of such an agent, for the benefits reaped from his council and services are too great to be estimated in mere dollars and cents.

And now the Germans, too, have decided that the Kaiser was partly responsible for the war.

Eeny, Meeny, Miney, Moe, who's going to be the next Cabinet member to go?

IN MEMORIAM

Died, after a life which in terms of years stretches through the history of the United States, from the beginning of the thirteen colonies to the present forty-eight states, Booze. The death knell was tolled yesterday when Nebraska, the home state of William Jennings Bryan, was the thirty-sixth state to ratify the national prohibition amendment.

Booze has lived its life in this country and it has been a hard-fought life at best. Its adversary, Prohibition, has been untiring and has held

out through many discouraging years to realize this victory.

Funeral services will be held one year from date.

The influenza may spread fast but it has nothing on Bolshevism.

THE CONQUEST OF SONG

Music has played its part in the war, and that has been no small one. "The whole country is alive to the educational and moral uplift of music," says our state chairman of music.

Persons who had never sung before tried out their cracked voices when crowds assembled for Liberty Loan drives or other war-winning meetings. Those who are unwilling to sing unless there is a large chorus to minimize their individual efforts found ample opportunity to carol forth. They sang once—and they sang again. They felt like singing, and one attempt called forth the desire to continue. Many a song produced many a dollar or made patriotism tug at the heart-strings of an American.

The soldier has learned to sing. On the march, the rollicking melody eased the burden and brought renewed strength to tired limbs. It was not hard to keep step to the tune of a good song. When, at retreat, he heard the notes of "The Star Spangled Banner," an answering chord was struck deep within him which he had not known was there. That song is the beloved possession of every man who wore the khaki.

And the songs themselves! "The Yanks are coming, the Yanks are coming, and we won't come back till it's over, over there," and the gay but threatening melody epitomized the whole struggle from the American viewpoint," says the New York Times. The Civil War had its songs that have lived; so has this war produced melodies that will be sung fifty years from today. Call them ragtime if you will, they are the expression of the American people and as such will outlive all frites and all efforts to down them.

"Drink to Me Only With Thine Eyes" should become one of the popular songs now.

OH, SAY, CAN YOU SEE?

The official flag of the state of Missouri has been ordered displayed in the halls of the new capital building and flown from the flagstaff of the magnificent dome, underneath the national flag.

Those of us who do not know what the state flag looks like need feel no hesitancy in saying so, for a number of representatives, although they supported the resolution in the House, afterward secretly confessed that they had no idea what the Missouri flag was like.

THE NEW BOOKS

"The Zeebrugge Affair." The blocking of the Zeebrugge harbor by the British navy is told in an informal manner by Kettle Howard (J. Kettle Bell, Second Lieutenant, R. A. F.).

This great undertaking was planned in minute detail many months ahead and much time was spent waiting for favorable weather conditions to make the operation a success. The writer presents a vivid picture of the affair as told him by officers and men who took part.

The second part of the book contains the official statement of the admiralty.

(George H. Doran Company, New York; 64 pages, paper covers; 25 cents).

"The Springtime of Life."

Edmund Gosse has carried out a wish of the English poet, Charles Algernon Swinburne, and has collected in one beautiful volume Swinburne's poems of child life. In a brief preface, Mr. Gosse explains this, and states that the reason the work has been delayed so long has been for want of an artist who could fittingly interpret the exotic fancies of the nineteenth century poet with the Greek soul.

This artist was found in Arthur Rackham, whose work with pen and ink and color easily doubles the pleas-

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ure of the book. Mr. Rackham is realistic in his sketching of child figures, but his backgrounds and interpretative imagery are such as to delight the child and the criterion of art alike.

There is nothing new in the text of the books; the poems are all taken from previously published volumes. Swinburne is not at his best in dealing with children. The poems are about them, rather than to them, and it is the mind of the adult that will enjoy the breathlessness and the drippingly sweet music of the poet's lines. There is nothing of Eugene Field in them.

To this Englishman:
"All heaven, in every baby born

Reveals itself, though man may scorn
All heaven."

He does not see heaven through the child, however, but in the child. He does not feel the reach to higher things because of a new-born baby, but he feels the higher things are the baby. Although he talks of heaven and angels, paganism is paramount. Perhaps the best poem in the volume, and the one most characteristic of Swinburne, is "A Dark Month." "La maison sans enfants." This is a sequence of lyrics, one for each day of May, dealing with the absence of a child. In the earlier "days," especially, Swinburne reaches his true poetical heights.

(J. B. Lippincott Company, New York; cloth, illustrated with pen and ink sketches and eight colored plates by Arthur Rackham, 133 pages; \$3 net.)

THESE ASK COUNTY HOSPITAL

List of Signers of Petition Filed With County Court.

The signers of the petition for a county hospital, which was filed with the county clerk yesterday are:

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